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Recommendations on issues under cluster III, Excessive accumulation, misuse and uncontrolled spread

Identification of additional measures to strengthen and/or clarify the commitments already assumed in the Programme of Action (e.g., the adoption of new documents on best practices for inclusion in the Programme of Action at the upcoming biennial meetings or the second Review Conference)

1. Although the ideal situation would be the adoption of annexes to be incorporated into the Programme of Action during the first Review Conference, realistically speaking, at least a commitment could be made to launch a process for the preparation of documents that could be incorporated into the upcoming biennial meetings of the States to consider the implementation of the Programme of Action.

2. These new documents would not necessarily expressly require adherence by all Member States since they could be used as action guides, as in the case of the Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and Other Related Materials with Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission model regulations.

3. The following issues were identified:

(a) Best practices and lessons learned for the safety of arsenals, destruction of stocks and collection of arms (sect. II, para. 19);

(b) Best practices and lessons learned for the development of awareness-raising and disarmament campaigns in peace scenarios (ibid., para. 23) as well as in

questions related to the programmes of demobilization and reinsertion of ex-combatants in post-conflict scenarios (ibid., paras. 20-22).

Agree on the identification of topics absent in the Programme of Action and make a decision on the launch of a process towards their inclusion in the framework of future meetings (e.g., the second Review Conference)

- Questions related to the demand for small arms and light weapons.